

The 46th Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) Commencement Ceremony

Naokimi Ushiroda
May 28, 2022



Twenty-five graduates from the class of 2021 and 2022 walked the stage to get their diplomas during the 46th Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) Commencement Ceremony on May 28. A momentous occasion for many, it was also the first in-person graduation since 2019.

"We congratulate all of our amazing, hardworking graduates," said Dr. Thomas Ward. "It was nice to finally get together [since the pandemic began] and share this time with everyone," he recalled during an FFWPU leaders' meeting May 31.

After three years, Dr. Ward's term as UTS president concluded during the ceremony. He is succeeded by Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Chairman Dr. Thomas Walsh, who serves as the seventh president of UTS. "God is emphasizing our need to be completely one in this very important next step that gives True Mother a chance to achieve many more great things with UTS," said Dr. Ward. "Through UPF and Dr. Walsh's leadership, we will be able to do remarkable things in making an impact upon peace, as well as keeping alive our theological tradition."



The commencement ceremony, held at the 43rd Street office building in Manhattan, also featured graduates' induction into Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for religious studies and theology. Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Regional President, FFWPU North America, delivered the keynote address, and UTS graduates Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda, President, FFWPU USA, and Jinil Fleischman, CARP National President, also gave remarks. Two distinguished leaders were recognized with honorary doctorates as well.

Rev. Munib Younan, a Palestinian Bishop Emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and Dr. Kathy Rigney of UPF Africa were both honored. "Bishop Younan is a remarkable person who is responsible for an accord that was signed - for the first time in 500 years - that brought together the Lutheran Church and the Catholic Church, recognizing this path needed to effect change," said Dr. Ward. "He is very involved in Christian - Muslim dialogue, and also in the broader dialogue amongst Christians, Muslims and Jewish people in terms of the Holy Land ... and he recognizes the centrality Christianity has in bringing together Islam and Judaism."



Dr. Ward noted Bishop Younan's appreciation of True Mother and the Unification movement, having participated in the [Rally of Hope](#) and other interfaith initiatives. Bishop Younan received the [Sunhak Peace Prize](#) in 2020 for his work toward reconciliation.

Dr. Kathy Rigney, a longtime missionary, was honored for her incredible work in Africa over the last 47 years. During that time she experienced great hardship, Dr. Ward said, including imprisonment in Benin and being exiled to the Ivory Coast and Nigeria. "She experienced all kinds of struggles and difficulties, but she has always persevered with such an amazing record of achievement," said Dr. Ward. "She brought four sitting presidents from Africa to participate in the last Rally of Hope ... and those results are from her incredible foundation."

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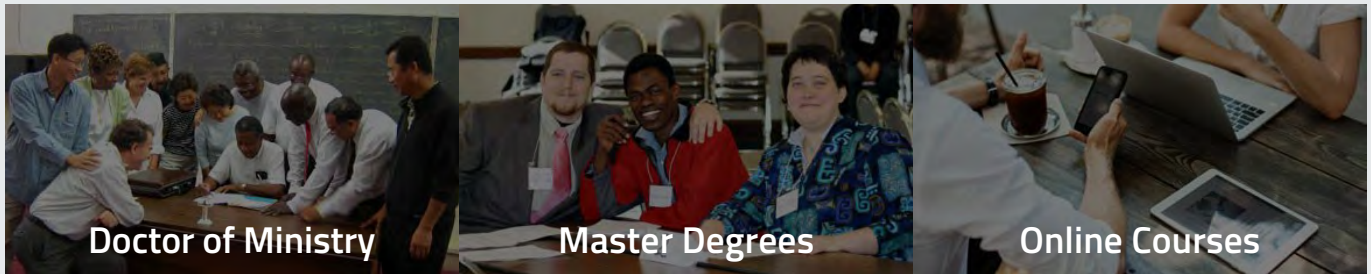
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Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

Yoshie Manaka

On Saturday, May 28, 2022, Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) held its forty-sixth Commencement in New York City. For the first time since 2019, graduating students, alumni, faculty, family and friends gathered in person to celebrate...



Faculty Roundtable: The Victory of the Cross

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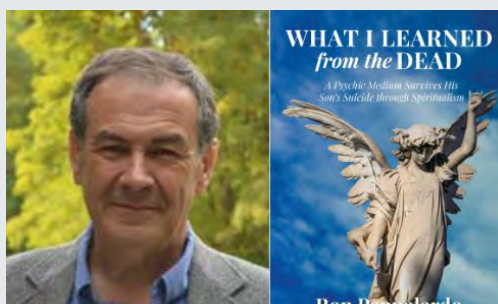
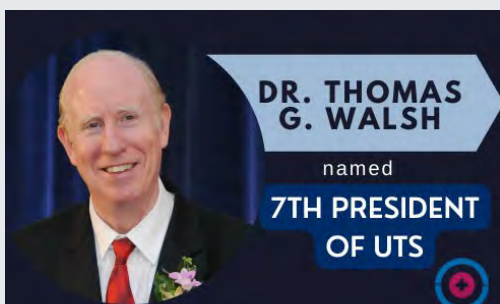
On Tuesday, April 19, Unification Theological Seminary held a virtual Faculty Roundtable event where Dr. Andrew Wilson, Director of Scriptural Research and Professor of Scriptural Studies, spoke on "The Victory of the Cross."

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Other News

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[Dr. Thomas G. Walsh named as the 7th President of Unification Theological Seminary](#)

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The Unification Theological Seminary Board of Trustees met on Thursday April 28, 2022 and unanimously elected Dr. Thomas G. Walsh as the seventh President of Unification Theological Seminary.

[Sacred Life to Publish UTS Doctoral Student's Manuscript on Spiritualism](#)

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UTS doctoral student Ron Pappalardo is launching a campaign to bring greater awareness of the reality of the spirit world in a way that is tailored for the general public.

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JUN 7: [The Washington Times Brief: Korean Peninsula Issues: The View from the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee](#)

JUN 7: [WFP-DMZ Peace Park: Creating Bridges for a Unified Korea](#)

JUN 11: [UPF-EUME: Conference organized in Kosovo in conjunction with the government of Kosovo](#)

JUN 23: [UPF-EUME & Canada: Viewing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from Within - Part 3](#)

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UPF-Czech Republic Observes International Day of Families

Prague, Czech Republic—A prominent member of Parliament was the guest speaker at the UPF celebration.

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UN International Day of Families 2022

UPF-Kosovo Observes International Day of Families

Pristina, Kosovo—The importance of strong families was the subject of UPF Peace Council meetings in two cities.

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UPF-Russia Collects Plastic Caps for Charity

Moscow, Russia—The annual campaign provides wheelchairs and rehabilitation equipment for children in foster families.

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UPF-Slovakia Observes International Day of Families

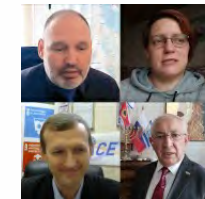
Bratislava, Slovakia—UPF celebrated with a lecture titled "The Relationship between Family and Politics."



Argentina

UPF-Argentina Introduces the 2022 "Leadership and Cooperation" Manual

Argentina—At the monthly Ambassadors for Peace meeting, the Leadership and Cooperation Manual from the 2022 Series was presented.



Russia

UPF-Russia Holds Volunteer Week Webinar

Moscow, Russia—UPF-Russia held a webinar in honor of an annual volunteer project that is popular in Russia.

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— Sun Myung Moon



A movement of students by students



Mia Taguchi

College of Southern Nevada, NV

"As my time in CARP progressed, I started to understand more and more that if I truly want to make a difference in the world, it starts with not just the individual, but the impact an individual has on the family. The impact our actions have encompasses a whole circle of people.

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Samuel Tamura

University of Davis, California, CA

"I want everyone to see the Principle and the CARP culture and feel moved and inspired by it. I want to create a chapter that truly aims to bring a new perspective for all members and they can come out of CARP thinking that it made a positive change in their life."

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Josue Kisile

Grand Rapids Community College, MI

"Transferring your vision and passion to others is probably the hardest part of leadership, but it takes you on a very needed journey of patience and perseverance. I have grown so much as a leader through this journey."

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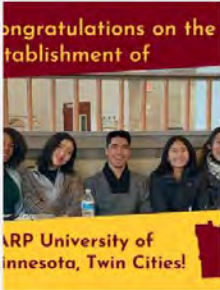
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Dr. Yong-ho Yun
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Shinto Priest, President
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Institute, Japan



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